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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas Theobald et al.  
Applic. No. : 10/026,241  
Filed : December 21, 2001  
Title : Circuit Configuration for Driving a Semiconductor Switching Element  
and Method for Same  
Attention : Office of Petitions

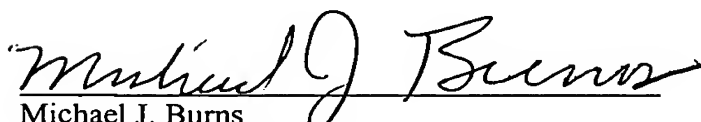
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I, Michael J. Burns, hereby declare that:

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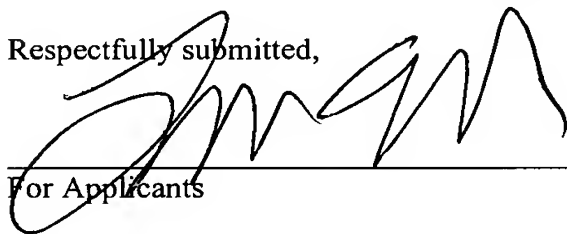
  
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